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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : Robert RICHARD  
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FOR : USING SUPERCRITICAL FLUIDS TO INFUSE  
THERAPEUTIC ON A MEDICAL DEVICE  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in the above-referenced Application. Following entry of the Amendments set forth in the §1.116 After Final Amendment filed June 5, 2003, and preliminary to further examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

C1  
1. (Twice amended) A method of coating a metallic medical device comprising:  
interfacing a therapeutic with a supercritical fluid; and  
transferring the therapeutic from the supercritical fluid to the medical device.

C2  
12. (Twice amended) A method of coating a metallic medical device comprising:  
placing the medical device in a coating chamber;  
coating the medical device;  
interfacing a therapeutic with a supercritical fluid; and  
exposing the coating to the supercritical fluid.